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Camouflage

During the recent altercation between the nations of the world the camouflage idea became extremely popular and very useful. Its use extended to all sorts of things used in the war and it served to hide the real thing by ingenious devices which made it difficult to ascertain that perhaps a clump of natural-looking bushes enveloped a very potential death, or that yon waves breaking on the horizon were in reality very ordinary paint camouflaging the sides of a monster battleship.

The war is over but camouflage remains.

American politics teems with it. Senators and Congressmen are adepts, and from thence down to the little precinct committeeman each hides his real ambitions or political aims under a specious cloak of lofty ideals.

Nor are the ethical subdivisions of our political economy exempt from the use of camouflage, the favorite method being the use of offensive terms to hide an impossible defense.

Of course it is very wrong, and morally indefensible, to say a word derogatory of any man's ethical or religious belief. It isn't done. But to attack a purely political subdivision of a religious propaganda, which in many cases is not only expedient, but patriotic, brings forth immediately the camouflaged cry of "bigotry". No man in his senses cares or worries about how many of some certain denomination or creed there are in the United States, but every man in his senses does worry about any interference in the constitutional prerogatives of the American citizen—religious freedom, equality before the law, and the right to a free common school education.

To remonstrate against any abridgement of the right to learn is not a privilege but a duty. It is not an act of bigotry but high patriotism. It is an attack on a policy, not on a religion, and to claim otherwise is to camouflage the issue.

Unable, or if able, then not daring, to make any attempt to controvert the serious arguments advanced, an attempt is made by specious camouflage to turn the whole controversy into religious channels where the proponents of the American system of education refuse to be led.

Facts are very stubborn things and facts are what we are trying to place before the American public today. Facts that cannot by any means or methods of camouflage be disguised or changed or altered.

It is a fact: That the writer has always and always will use his best efforts by pen and speech to uphold and advance the interests of the American public school system and for the abolition of illiteracy in the United States of America.

It is a fact: That there is today a great propaganda being used for the purpose

of amending and changing our school laws in such manner as will largely destroy their usefulness.

It is a fact: That this same propaganda—for lack of a better name—has opposed and is opposing the Towner-Sterling bill for the advancement of education and the destruction of illiteracy.

It is a fact that all the publications of the propaganda referred to—and they are legion—are either actively or passively in opposition to the aims of public education and the bill referred to.

It is a fact: *That no authority of the Roman Catholic Church has ever come forward in defense of the public school system or in support of the Towner-Sterling bill.*

It is a fact: That in the ranks of Masonry are to be found a few weak-kneed sisters who agree with the opposition that any DEFENSE of American institutions or any DEFENSE of the American public school system is an attack on somebody's sacred religion. That is nothing but INSPIRED camouflage. By no method of logic can such a position be maintained. Might just as well say that to attack the initiative and referendum is to attack every Democrat's mother-in-law. The position is absurd and yet conservative and thinking men fall for it. Rather than have such a horrible thing happen, they'd let the school system go by the board.

These are facts—stubborn facts. No amount of camouflaging can transform them into anything else. To align oneself on the other side of these questions is not bigotry—it is patriotism. As individuals these folks average up equally well with other American citizens. As individuals they are entitled to—and receive—respect and recognition. As propagandists against the childhood of the nation and the illiterates in our borders, opposition is not only a natural thing but an eminently proper attitude.

INSPIRED CAMOUFLAGE—does that phrase mean anything to you?

Patriotic Politics

On behalf of the children of America and on behalf of those older children who need tuition, THE IDAHO FREEMASON desires to preach a solemn warning. In a few days Idaho voters will go to the polls and perform their first duties that will result in November in the selection of governing officials for the State of Idaho. While the primaries affect only the minor political divisions, they do result in the selection of candidates who later will have the privilege of battling at the polls for the final decision of the people, at which time the voting will extend to the selection of all officials from governor down.

Men and women voters, don't think that your whole duty is done if you remember to vote right for school trustees when that time comes. You haven't half begun. The school question enters into the selection of every official in the nation, from President down. Your UNITED STATES SENATORS are today holding in committee and preventing the passage of the greatest piece of educational legislation ever devised and one greatly desired by an immense majority of the American people. Your CONGRESSMEN are doing likewise. Your STATE LEGISLATORS have the absolute and final say over things educational in the state. Your

GOVERNOR has the appointment and technical supervision of the state board of education. Directly or indirectly, there is *not an office* in the gift of the people that has not some bearing on the educational system.

As patriotic citizens it is YOUR DUTY to vote EXCLUSIVELY for friends of the childhood of America for EVERY OFFICE in your gift. Don't be misled. Don't think that because there is no DIRECT connection between the schools and the office that it doesn't matter. It does matter. Right here is where we have lost out in the past. Let's come alive this time.

The votes of many good, noble men and women helped to send to the American Congress the senators and congressmen who are today stopping the wheels of educational progress. Those votes were given thoughtlessly or in ignorance.

Don't let us repeat.

Don't vote for a candidate for ANY OFFICE who is not absolutely a hundred per cent American nor for a candidate who will not pledge himself that in the conduct of his office, if elected, he will use his appointive power for the best interests of the American school system.

Some Correspondence

A PROTEST

Boise, Idaho, July 1, 1922.

MR. FRANK G. BURROUGHS, Editor,
IDAHO FREEMASON,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Burroughs:

Through a mutual friend I have been permitted to read an editorial signed by you and contained in the current issue of THE IDAHO FREEMASON. Having had the pleasure of an acquaintance with you covering some fourteen years, I feel that you will excuse a little criticism of that editorial. As you know, I am a Catholic and am perfectly willing to admit that we have our shortcomings just the same as Masons have.

Published matter coming from your pen has usually been fair and good reading, but I am sure that in the article under discussion you have neither been fair or accurate. Speaking for myself and lots of my Catholic friends, I am not an enemy of the public school nor do I condemn the Towner bill, a synopsis of which I read in your magazine for the first time. I do think it is unjust for me to be compelled to pay school taxes for something I do not use, but that is beside the present question. There are a great number—I do not know how many—Catholic trustees on school boards throughout the State of Idaho who are doing their duty as American citizens and are not attempting in any way to disturb the American School System, as you call it. This system, to my mind, is by no means perfect, but it is the law, and Catholics are law-abiding citizens, a fact which no one but a bigot would attempt to controvert.

Suppose we admit, for the sake of argument only, that, dissatisfied with the present system, the Catholic Church is attempting a reform. Would that not be all right and proper? You are not subject to criticism if you enter a political campaign to change the present order of things along political lines. Why should

we be so anathematized? But that merely for the sake of argument. I have no knowledge of, neither do I believe, that the Catholic Church as an institution is antagonistic to the public schools. Your quotation from the Encyclical, if it is accurate, and I suppose it is, was made a very long time ago, when conditions were vastly different to what they are today.

If a Catholic desires to send his children to a parochial school, that is his business, and I think that neither you nor anyone else has any right at all to interfere.

When you state that the religion of a Catholic "constitutes him the avowed enemy of public education", you are stating something that is not susceptible of proof, and is, I believe, an unconscionable misstatement.

You are at liberty to use this letter in any way you please, provided you do not use my name in connection with it.

Yours truly,

THE ANSWER

Boise, Idaho, June 30, 1922.

MR. _____

Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir: I have yours of even date in which you criticize an article appearing under my signature in THE IDAHO FREEMASON. I was very much pleased to receive your letter and to note that you confine yourself literally to the subject in hand.

In replying, let me state first that I have absolutely no quarrel with Catholics as such. Many of them I esteem very highly; many of them in my opinion as individuals, constitute a very high class of citizenship. The matter of their religious tenets is solely their affair, and as an American citizen I have: first, no right; and second, no desire, to interfere in any way.

Having thus cleared the way for discussion of the matter to which you refer, I will proceed briefly to do so.

The whole matter hinges upon the publicly expressed desire of the Catholic Church as a body to take over the education of the young and to mingle secular education with instruction in religious tenets of the Church.

The Roman Catholic Church by no means denies that such is the aim of its authorities. They are opposed to the American system of public education for reasons which they do not hesitate to make public. They are opposed to and are opposing the Towner-Sterling Bill, and do not hesitate to make that opposition public and a matter of common knowledge, although some of the means used to accomplish this purpose are not made public.

This, and this only, constitutes the subject matter of the editorial referred to.

I hate a bigot probably as much—or more—than you do. Every word in the article referred to is true and refers only to *admitted* policies of the Church as an organization. Republicans expect criticism of their policies by the Democrats, the latter in turn are in similar position, and every political subdivision has its exponents and vice versa. I view the subject of public education as a vital

matter for discussion. I expect the Catholic to criticize my position and I look for a similar privilege.

I refuse to discuss or attack your religion or religious views, even were I competent to do so—which I am not. Why, then, deny me the right to criticize your position on public matters that do not involve your theological tenets?

IF YOU CAN STATE—AND STATE WITH AUTHORITY—THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BELIEVES IN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THAT IT FAVORS ITS EXTENSION AND FAVORS SUCH PROGRESSIVE EDUCATIONAL PLANS AS OUTLINED IN THE TOWNER-STERLING BILL, THEN MY WHOLE CONTENTION FALLS TO THE GROUND.

While I think that cannot be done, I can assure you, that with open arms and with all the publicity at my command, I shall welcome such a declaration of support in these vital questions—IF MADE WITH AUTHORITY.

On the other hand, allow me to state, firmly and unequivocally, that until such a declaration can be made, I must consider Roman Catholics as enemies of the American public school system, as enemies of the Towner-Sterling Bill, and as such shall oppose by every means possible the placing of Roman Catholics in positions of public trust where their religious tendencies may prove inimical to the best interests of the public school system, or at least where they may be compelled to choose between their ecclesiastical leanings and the interests of the public school system.

Respectfully yours,

F. G. BURROUGHS, *Editor*.

SCOTTISH RITE POSITION

July 10, 1922

M. W. WOOD, 33°

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Scottish Rite Masonry in Idaho,*

Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir and Brother:

As you are aware, THE IDAHO FREEMASON is strenuously advocating the enactment into law of the Towner-Sterling bill, and is standing firmly behind the American Public School System. I believe that it would prove of intense interest to our readers if we could publish from your pen a few lines indicating the position taken by the great branch of Masonry which acknowledges allegiance to yourself as its head.

I shall be pleased to reserve for you such space for this purpose as you may desire, upon receiving from you an affirmative answer to this request.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

F. G. BURROUGHS, *Editor*.

OUR STAND ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL QUESTION, AND SOME REASONS THEREFOR

By M. W. WOOD, 33°

I know that I speak for the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and I believe that I speak as well for Symbolic Masonry when I say:

Every thinking American citizen has reason to blush with shame for the revelations of the 1920 census, where this shows the appalling percentage of illiteracy in this fair land of ours—21.9% in one state, with 18%, 17%, 16%, 15%, and shading down to 1.1%, an average of 5.96% in all the continental United States, and a total of 4,931,905 illiterates, who cannot read or write in any language, and who, without our assistance, will never become Americans.

This astounding condition, however, can easily be remedied. The remedy is in our hands and our efforts are to be directed to its application. It is simply compulsory education.

This remedy now awaits its fate in the Committees on Education in both Houses of the Congress. We have good reason to believe that, if it were reported out of these committees, and put upon its passage, it would receive a large majority in each House, and become a law.

It is the Towner-Sterling Educational Bill.

The senior senator from Idaho is chairman of the Senate Committee; and Hon. S. D. Fess, of Ohio, is chairman of the House Committee. Our senator is outspoken in his opposition to the bill. Dr. Fess, for reasons of his own, appears to have prevented the reporting out of the House Committee of the bill.

We believe that we, in Idaho, have one of the best educational laws in the nation, and the Towner-Sterling bill is almost exactly "on all fours" with our own law. Neither of these interferes in the slightest with any denominational or private school except that they require that each child of school age shall attend *some* school for the prescribed number of weeks each year unless excused therefrom by the provisions of the law; that the basic language of instruction in the common English branches shall be the English language; that there shall be no teaching in the public schools of the doctrine, creed or catechism of any religion; and that all books, papers and catechisms of a sectarian religious character shall be excluded from the public school libraries.

We believe as strongly as do the opponents of this wise proposed legislation, that all children should receive religious instruction, but we also believe that the free public school is not the place for this. The place for this is at the mother's knee, in the home, the Sunday school and the church.

No belief in any particular doctrine or creed should be taught in any free public school, nor should unbelief in any such be taught there. There are certain basic principles of religious belief which are common to all religions; these are: belief in one God, Creator of all that is; that man has an immortal soul; and that there is life beyond physical death. Without these, man is irreligious; with them, he cannot be called so. These beliefs are held in common by all civilized people, and should underlie the ethical teachings of the free public school. These beliefs do not at all conflict with those of the parents of the children who come to the free public schools, though they come from the Mosque, the Synagogue, or a denominational church.

The purpose of education is the acquisition of knowledge during the period in which occurs the growth of the soul; and knowledge is the most genuine and real of human treasures, the result of the development of the soul.

We are quite well aware that a considerable percentage, though a minority, of the citizens of our state are opposed to the passage of the Towner-Sterling Bill, for reasons of their own which they hesitate to make public. So Democrats and

Republicans each oppose the policies of the other party, and “point with pride”, and “view with alarm”. And people of many religious affiliations oppose the policies of other religious denominations. But how would we regard a church which attempted to control another religious denomination, and even claim a right to write the catechism, prayer-book, psalter and ritual of another church? Just so we regard the claims of the opponents of the free public schools to place their adherents in the governing bodies of the free public schools when they use every effort to place them as teachers, superintendents, supervisors, members of school boards, trustees and clerks of free public schools. And, even more than this, they are attempting and hope to succeed in the preparation of textbooks for the Free Public Schools even to the expenditure of a million dollars which they have appropriated for this purpose. Can we supinely submit to such aggression upon our sacred rights? Does not this justify us in using every lawful means in preventing the attainment of their ends?

The issue has been forced upon us, and it is not the part of prudence to tamely submit further to the handicap of silence in the struggle for the cause of education. Let us, then, resolve that, from this time we are *openly* engaged in favor of the Free Public Schools against all the opponents of these, and that by voice and vote we will do all in our power to exclude from the operation, control or management of the free public schools of all, of every grade, who are not *known* to be friends of the free public schools. This should include everyone in every capacity from the janitor of a schoolhouse to the members of the State Senate. We have made too many concessions already for the purpose of avoiding open ruptures, only to be taken advantage of. The “house-cleaning” may have results which we would rather have avoided—every individual voter, man or woman, is either a friend or an enemy of this great cause, and its friends are in a large majority.

But let us do this without vituperation, without malice, without personalities, without appeals to prejudices or hatreds—relying only on proven facts or established truths, remembering ever that the Good Book tells us that: “He that saith that he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now.”

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF NICODEMUS CONEY

By JOHN SHORE

The Coney—‘A Feeble Folk’

I think I can state without being accused of undue pride that my lineage is most ancient and respectable. An early reference to my family is to be found in 30 Prov. 26, and my given name, while coming from a later period, still indicates a considerable antiquity, and is, I think, first mentioned in John III, 2. Ours has always been a large tribe, but the peculiarity attaching to us is that we have never been generally known by our own names, neither have we been recognized as belonging to one large and really well defined family. On the contrary, we are generally familiar to the crowd under numerous and varied appellations, and in these modern times we are generally greeted as Bill This or George That, and so forth, by those of our acquaintance. Under ordinary circumstances it is difficult for us to prove our identity, or for other persons to know who we really are, but after a perusal of this brief history I believe it will be easier to do so.

It was at one time thought that two men widely separated from each other by time and circumstance were in some way related to us. One of these was

Peter the Apostle, who by prudently denying acquaintance with Christ, gave some color to the supposition. The other was Archbishop Cranmer, who, by the recantation of his faith under great stress, seemed also likely to establish some family connection with us. But these conclusions are now generally regarded as erroneous.

Having fairly well established my claim to consideration on account of ancient connections, I am ready to expatiate somewhat on our more recent activities, and their influence on human affairs. We have ever been great "jiners", as the modern term goes. In late medieval times we were wont to readily attach ourselves to any popular movement, for we are gregarious and enjoy being with the crowd. But the mere threat of rack and thumbscrew, which were favorite implements of moral suasion in that tyrannical period, was usually sufficient to make us see the error of our ways. Fairness, however, compels me to state that there is an instance where one of us did not perhaps receive the consideration due to him. I refer to the case of Mr. Facing-Both-Ways, as related in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. I suspect, however, that the writer of that famous book hardly did justice to our house, and had some unrevealed reason for being censorious.

The most remarkable fact appears to be that our family was not represented in the New England Colonies during the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, nor for a considerable time thereafter. They were not identified with any of the popular movements at that time, and the fraternal organizations of the period, being apparently engaged in discussion of controversial and distinctly dangerous topics, and taking somewhat violent action as a result thereof, were not favored as affording the means for a display of our peculiar talents.

In these happier times we are able to indulge our activities to their full extent. We join almost every society that is going, whether it be religious, social, fraternal or political. We are generally in the front rank during the piping times of peace, applauding, exercising our conversational and oratorical powers, which usually are of a high order, and securing a large measure of popularity and adulation, basking as it were under the rays of the beneficent sun of prosperity and growing large and strong. We generally draw no small advantage therefrom, both in material advantage and personal wealth, of which we have been ever careful, and in the satisfaction of being placed on high among the people for the better encouragement of, and as a worthy example to, our fellows.

The one outstanding peculiarity of our kind which has helped to make us numerous if not powerful is the sensitiveness which we have always shown to adversity. Gifted with an almost uncanny ability to sense danger and protect ourselves, we have been marvelled at for ages by those differently constituted, but it is my purpose to reveal the manner in which we receive the secret warning. Our feet are susceptible to the slightest change of temperature, and when our lower extremities become chilled and uncomfortable we always deem it prudent to be moving. In case of real necessity we can outrun any living creature, and the exercise thus engendered promotes the circulation and brings back that warmth so essential to our comfort, and also insures the safety needed to preserve our valuable species for the admiration of an adoring world. It is popularly supposed that the phrase, "He who fights and runs away will live to fight another day" was coined in reference to one of the boldest members of our family ever

known. This is the one solitary instance in which one of us so far forgot himself as to fight first and run afterwards. It is our general practice to run first and leave the question of fighting for future consideration.

It is gratifying to ourselves to know that we exist in large numbers and are exceeding prosperous. We "belong" just as a barnacle belongs to the ship to which it adheres. The simile is perhaps a poor one, because the barnacle impedes progress, whereas I contend that our attachment to any cause results in safe and sane expediencies and policies. Incidentally I may remark here, not that it has any bearing on our case but simply to display that knowledge of which I am pardonably proud, that I understand pure, fresh water rids a ship of barnacles easier than anything else.

Be that as it may, we are here, rejoicing with those that rejoice, coming out in one hundred per cent strength wherever bands play and banners wave, providing the occasion is peaceful, gathering enthusiastically around the festive board and wielding a brave knife and fork with that freedom, fervency and zeal which are our distinguishing characteristics in such matters. It is true we do not shine on occasions of hard work or uninteresting duty, for which our delicate and sensitive natures are unfitted. We are constitutionally unable to stand the strain of funeral ceremonies, sick visitations, and the like. As for getting into controversial situations on such sordid and every-day matters as better government or better education, we would rather remain detached and apart, thus promoting our health and comfort.

We feel that in most organizations there should be a division of labor. As we are obviously presentable to the world, popular, ready with the glad hand and the good word, we consider we should be placed where we can make the best showing. We do not ask much in return, simply that we should be provided with proper shelter in case of storm, that the tables should be well furnished at which we shine as representing the whole mass, and that generous funds should be forthcoming wherewith to do all that is fitting and proper.

Should misfortune assail the crowd, or danger threaten, be assured that we shall not hamper the operations of those better fitted than ourselves to cope with the problems which would then come up. We shall not be in the way. We shall simply—NOT BE THERE!

Not Official

Again we want to reiterate that there is nothing "official" about THE IDAHO FREEMASON. While the publication, we think, possesses the approval of all who have had an opportunity to peruse its pages, we have several times been asked whether it has any official standing. It has not.

An Opportunity

Preliminary expenses connected with the establishment of THE IDAHO FREEMASON, together with the fact that we are sending out each month some twelve hundred free copies to members who we hope will become subscribers later on,

have resulted in quite a gap between receipts and expenditures of the magazine. To furnish those who desire to help during this formative period an opportunity to do so, we have made a special subscription price of three years for four dollars. This is good for all new subscribers and those of our old subscribers who may wish to help in this way may have their subscription extended to three years by sending a check for \$2.50 more.

“Some” Approval

SILVER CITY, IDAHO, July 17, 1922.

MR. F. G. BURROUGHS, *Editor,*
The Idaho Freemason.

Dear Frank:

You were wondering what my opinion might be of THE IDAHO FREEMASON, more particularly the last issue. I am a poor hand at expressing myself, but transmit herewith six comments at \$1.50 per comment.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN SHORE.

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A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

The next issue of *The Builder* is to be devoted entirely to the question of Public Schools from a Masonic standpoint. As every Mason knows, *The Builder* is the foremost exponent of real Masonry in the United States, and it has gathered together the foremost Masonic writers and thinkers in the country as contributors to the forthcoming educational issue.

Bro. Horace M. Towner of Iowa, joint author of the Towner-Sterling education bill, leads off with an article on "Federal Aid to Education, Its Justification, Degree and Method." Bro. Towner's article will, without doubt, be a masterly exposition of his subject.

No less than thirty-one Grand Masters of various state jurisdictions have contributed their ideas and thoughts to this great symposium, some of the subjects to be handled being as follows:

Masons Must Support the Public School System in Its Present Crisis—Robert H. Robinson, Grand Master, New York.

Education Must Be Represented in the President's Cabinet—Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master, Maryland.

Thou Shalt Exalt the Public School—James N. Webb, Grand Master, North Carolina.

The Public School Serves No Scheming Interest at Home or Abroad—Henry E. Byorum, Grand Master, North Dakota.

The Schools Make for Democracy—George C. Williams, Grand Master, Delaware.

South Dakota Is Heartily in Favor of the Towner Sterling Bill—W. F. R. Whorton, Grand Master, South Dakota.

Masons Should Interest Themselves in the School Elections—Herman Held, Grand Master, Minnesota.

The Schools Should Be Bulwarks Against Bolshevism—Frank L. Wilder, Grand Master, Connecticut.

Tennessee Stands for the Development of the

Primary Schools—Walker M. Taylor, Grand Master, Tennessee.

Free institutions Cannot Exist Without Schools—Frederick Hamilton, Grand Secretary, Massachusetts.

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Selection of Teachers Is of Greatest Importance—F. A. Jeter, Grand Master, Idaho.

Religion Cannot Be Taught in the Public Schools—L. Kirby, Grand Master Arkansas.

The Public School Is Confronted by Three Ruffians—Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, Nebraska.

Masonry at Work in Oregon—Frank Baillie, Grand Master, Oregon.

Believes That the V. S. L. Should Be Taught in Every School—P. H. Murphy, Grand Master, Mississippi.

Each State Should Adjust Its School System to Its Own Resources—Abraham M. Beitler, Grand Master, Pennsylvania.

Sectarian Schools Are a Thing of the Past—E. R. Gibson, Grand Master, Utah.

The American Public School Is the Greatest of All Educational Institutions—Lucius Dills, Grand Master, New Mexico.

Masonry Should Take an Active Interest in the Public Schools—F. A. Holliday, Grand Master, Wyoming.

The Schools Should Not Be Used for Propaganda Purposes—A. S. Harriman, Grand Master, Vermont.

Asks Us to Heed President Harding's Warning—W. E. Weiler, Grand Master, Wisconsin.

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South Carolina Is Solidly Behind the Public Schools—J. Campbell Bissell, Grand Master, South Carolina.

The Enemies of the Public Schools Are the Enemies of the Nation—Charles H. Ketchum, Grand Master Florida.

An Americanization Program Our One Hope—F. W. Ransbottom, Grand Master, Ohio.

The issue will be in the mails at about the same time as the present issue of *THE FREEMASON*, too late for review, but we hope to be able to devote considerable space to the ideas of these great authorities in our next issue.

Bro. Haywood, editor of *The Builder*, is to be congratulated upon the formidable array of talent he has secured for the forthcoming issue, to the appearance of which we are looking forward with anticipatory pleasure.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF
THE IDAHO FREEMASON
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DURING THE PAST MONTH

WE EXPECT TO DOUBLE AGAIN
THE COMING MONTH

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MASON

Fitting tribute to JUDGE GEORGE FLEMING MOORE, editor-in-chief of *The Fellowship Forum*, and Past Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction, was paid June 24 by speakers of national prominence at a testimonial dinner given in his honor at the Raleigh hotel in Washington D. C.

The high ideals for which Judge Moore stands and his efforts to promote fellowship among men were extolled by Senator Oscar W. Underwood, who pledged loyal support to Judge Moore in his great work.

"Judge Moore's life is full of accomplishments, accomplishments of doing things for humanity," Senator Underwood said.

In pledging loyal support and appreciation, Richard Seelye Jones editor of *The Stars and Stripes*, declared that Judge Moore has taken the sin out of journalism and inserted fellowship in it.

"Journalism is to strike thought in men," Mr. Jones said, "and that is what Judge Moore is doing."

History of the foundation of the *Fellowship Forum* and the fundamental principles for which it stands was explained by Judge Moore in responding to the previous addresses.

"We have a great task ahead of us in educating our people and it is our duty to see that they are educated," he said.

"The remedy for ignorance and selfishness which we see every day is brotherhood and fraternalism, and through the *Fellowship Forum* we have that agency to do away with that ignorance and selfishness and bring about a tol-

erance and peace through fellowship among men.

"People of Europe are looking to our country for leadership, looking for leadership in fraternity."

In speaking of the fundamental principles of the paper of which he is founder and editor-in-chief, Judge Moore said that its principles were to "Tell the truth," "Tell the facts," "Avoid religious questions," and to promote fellowship of all men of all religions and races.

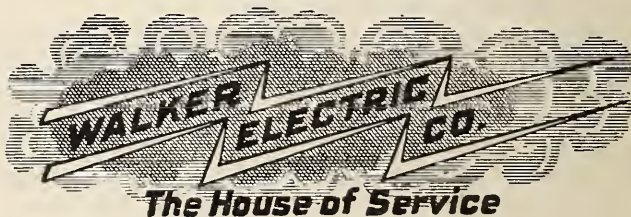
Judge Moore quoted the line, "Peace on earth, good will toward men", and declared in that line lies the progress of the world.

"If we can unite in the bonds of understanding on a spiritual plane and spread that doctrine, we will need no league of nations to bring peace to the world."

An Irishman coming out of ether in the ward after an operation exclaimed audibly: "Thank God! that is over!" Don't be too sure," said the man in the next bed, "they left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again." And the patient on the other side said, "Why they had to cut me open, too, to find one of their instruments." Just then the surgeon who had operated on the Irishman stuck his head in the door and yelled, "Has anybody seen my hat?" Pat fainted.

A true craftsman never questions the length of his cable-tow. He goes to the limit of his ability, forgetting that there may be such a thing as an end to the measure of good he can perform.—*Masonic Chronicler*.

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Notes from the Boise Blue Lodges



IDAHO LODGE No. 1

OFFICERS

Frank G. Ensign	Worshipful Master
Gay M. Sheils	Senior Warden
Ralph Hutchinson	Junior Warden
John P. Congdon	Treasurer
Frank G. Burroughs	Secretary
M. W. Wood	Chaplain
Ernest Fietze	Senior Deacon
A. S. MacDougall	Junior Deacon
Fred J. Betzold	Senior Steward
Kenneth B. Keener	Junior Steward
Sylvester Kinney	Marshal
A. A. White	Tyler

Stated meetings, Third Saturday in each month.

Idaho Lodge No. 1 conferred the first degree on two candidates on the 8th and notwithstanding the heat there was a very fair attendance of members and visitors present. On the 15th the stated meeting was held, at which time two candidates were elected to receive the degrees and one brother elected to membership. On the 22nd the first degree was again put on and two candidates became Entered Apprentices. No meeting was held on the 28th and none is scheduled until the stated meeting on the 19th of August.

The Secretary filed the annual Grand Lodge report on the 10th, showing a total membership of 125. Forty-four degrees were conferred by the lodge during the eleven months the report covers. The roster showed no losses by dimit and only one loss by death, that of Brother Wallace. The assets of the lodge total \$2699.55 and the net worth, after deducting all liabilities, was shown as \$2559.25. Nine Past Masters are on the roll of No. 1. The net gain made during the eleven months is exactly 25 per cent.

BOISE LODGE No. 2

OFFICERS

George H. Davis	Worshipful Master
Gus R. Mueller	Senior Warden
Miles J. McClelland	Junior Warden
J. W. Robinson	Treasurer
T. W. Simmers	Secretary
E. C. Seeger	Chaplain
Frank McDaniels	Senior Deacon
George Merrill	Junior Deacon
Alex Boas	Marshal
Van Smith	Senior Steward
Eber Jones	Junior Steward
John R. Hall	Tyler

Stated meetings, Second Tuesday in each month.

No. 2 ducked its stated meeting scheduled for the Glorious Fourth, the officers being otherwise engaged, mostly out of town. Secretary Simmers showed up for form's sake and a couple of old faithfuls were on deck, but no meeting was held.

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ORIENTAL LODGE No. 60

OFFICERS

Clemson S. Crawford	Worshipful Master
Van M. Clark	Senior Warden
William A. Hopper	Junior Warden
Harold C. Finch	Treasurer
Perry C. Marshall	Secretary
Frank C. Leavitt	Chaplain
Michael F. Cunningham	Marshal
Harold M. Snow	Senior Deacon
A. Earl Eby	Junior Deacon
Samuel L. Newton	Senior Steward
Ralph H. Musser	Junior Steward
George C. Walker	Tyler

Stated meetings, Second Friday in each month.

Oriental Lodge No. 60 held its stated communication for July on the 14th. Three new members were admitted by affiliation, one candidate was elected to receive the degrees, two petitions were received for the degrees and two applications for the degrees were rejected. The usual monthly bills were paid and a warrant drawn for \$669.50 to pay the Grand Lodge dues and fees. The report of this lodge was filed with the Grand Secretary on July 10. During the year 27 members were raised and 11 affiliated. There were six deaths, six dimit and three suspended. Net increase in membership was 23, total membership 389. A total of 86 degrees were conferred.

Three of the boys went fishing last week. There were probably others doing likewise, but this particular trio was a very distinguished bunch, and so they are "getting their names in the paper". Asa W. Liedloff, official caterer to the bodies in Boise, was present. Clyde Kuder, famous as Master of Revels in the Grotto, likewise, and Jere W. Robinson, grave and reverend signor, also. Clyde claims that he took Asa along merely to cook the fish, Asa says that Clyde furnished the "bait", so they let him come along, and Past G. M. Jere was included to lend a certain air of dignity and respectability. They went up beyond Featherville and each of the trio caught a fish, but Clyde's fish, although landed only after a heroic struggle of some twenty minutes, had to be thrown back on account of insufficient growth. It weighed two and a half ounces (Troy weight). An incident of the trip was the rescue of Gus Mueller, who, with Mrs. Mueller and a couple of guests, ran off the grade and had a rather narrow escape from a serious accident.

Bro. Will H. Gibson of Mountain Home spent the 20th in Boise, and naturally visited the State House while here. Will is a candidate for the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Idaho.

Mrs. Talbot Jennings was summoned to Nampa on the 18th by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. E. McKee. Bro. Jeter rushed her to the Junction City in an auto.

Bro. Dave Wegman of No. 60 is rejoicing at the happy ending of what might have been a most serious accident when his little daughter, Muriel, less than three years old, fell into the Cruzen Canal near the Wegman home on Harrison Boulevard. The child was swept by the current into the culvert under the street and apparently was doomed. The heroic act of a young laborer, Mat Bargaehr, only averted a fatal ending. He dropped face up into the water and entered the culvert. Swimming on his back in the inky darkness he found the child suspended by her clothes from a wire. Breaking her loose he made his way to the other end of the tunnel and handed her over to the stricken mother, not much the worse for her adventure. The brave boy who made the rescue is an ex-service man who has been in poor health. He will be recommended for a Carnegie medal and other measures are being taken to recognize his heroic act.

Bro. W. S. Bruce met with a painful accident on the 16th when an automobile in which he was riding went over the embankment and turned over on the road near Dry Buck. Mr. Bruce was brought to Boise and taken to St. Luke's hospital, where it was found he had sustained a fracture of the bridge of the nose and several cuts and bruises. His daughter, Mrs. J. W. Stoddard, was with him and suffered similar injuries. Other occupants of the car were not injured. At the present writing the injured are getting along nicely, and no serious results are feared.

The newly organized "Taxpayers' League", an organization brought into life in an effort to produce more economy in the various tax-eating activities of the state, county and city governments, has drafted several members of the fraternity to run for office at the primaries under its banner. Bros. Don Whitehead, J. P. Congdon and W. S. Bruce are seeking the suffrage of the people for representatives to the Legislature under the auspices of the League on the Republican ticket. Under the same conditions Bro. E. A. Crooks is running for senator and Herb Lemp for Commissioner in the First District.

Bro. O. M. Elliott, president of the Lewiston Normal school, spent a few days in Boise this month and was in conference with State Commissioner of Education E. A. Bryan. Chaperoned by Bro. J. J. Rae, superintendent of the Caldwell Schools, Mr. Elliott attended the session of Idaho Commandery No. 1 on the 17th.

Bro. Frank I. Newhouse of No. 1 died at a sanatorium at Portland on the 19th, following an illness of several months, which began with a severe attack of influenza. Mr. Newhouse was a well-known citizen of Boise and head of the Newhouse Investment Company. He was 37 years old and has lived in Boise for the past ten years. The funeral was held on the 21st, Revs. J. A. Glendenning and W. W. Van Dusen officiating. Burial was in Morris Hill cemetery.

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Bro. William Stirling, a member of Burns Lodge, died at a Boise Hosiptal on July 5th. Mr. Stirling was a public accountant at Burns, Oregon. His remains were shipped to Portland for burial.

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The death of another old Boise Mason occurred on July 9, when Bro. Sylvester R. Wells of Boise Lodge No. 2 passed away at the family home on North Tenth street. Bro. Wells was initiated into Masonry on January 8, 1876, and was made a Master Mason on March 4 of the same year. He was elected to membership in No. 2 on February 7 of this year, having previously held his membership in Nelson Lodge No. 135 at Buffalo, Minn. At the time of his death he lacked ten weeks of being eighty years of age. He was a Civil War Veteran and a member of the Eastern Star. He is survived by a wife in Boise and a brother and sister, residents of Illinois. He was buried with full Masonic honors by Boise Lodge No. 2 on July 11, services being held at Summers & Krebs chapel and interment at Morris Hill cemetery.

We were pleased to receive a letter from Bro. J. M. Meales, secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies at Pueblo, Colo. Bro. Meales says: "I want to compliment you on the journal which you are publishing. I have gone thru it and you certainly get out a good Masonic magazine."

Bro. Ed Smith, the financial wizard of the City Council, he who has "ambish" to be county clerk, writes us quite a letter in true Smithsonian style. Anyone who has visited the Smithsonian Institute in Washington will know what we mean. That valuable national museum is full of curiosities—so is Ed's letter. It contains lots of things one doesn't quite understand—quite like the Boise Smith. It has lots of old bones and things that rattle. Ed thinks that the Boise Smithsonian Institute is to be moved from City Hall to County Building. We hope he has his hope—if he really wants it. Ed's a fine fellow, a dandy cartoonist with either pen, pencil or typewriter—and we hereby apologize that we gave Frank credit as the daddy of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund instead of our gifted Ed. In the following extract from the letter we don't quite know whether he is patting us on the back or doing the ostrich act: "Your budget of Masonic news is certainly fine, full of meat and real food for thought. Even if I did think a thought, viz., that it is wonderful what these little fellows can do when they get started. You have the snappiest snap, loudest bark, longest tail, with a voice like a foghorn, and the same consequences." Now, wouldn't that jar you? We are thinking of sending the erudite epistle to the Smithsonian Institute—the original one at Washington—and see if the professors there can catch the esoteric meaning.

Have your clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired by Gus R. Mueller, 8 Gem Building, Tenth and Main.

LIFE MEMBER OF EVERYTHING

The writer was pleased to have an opportunity the other day to visit Bro. William Shirley of Dallas, Texas, who is staying for an indefinite period with his daughter, Mrs. Grant, at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and Franklin.

Bro. Shirley is a life member of Tannahill Lodge No. 52 of Dallas, Texas, of which lodge he is a Past Master. He is a life member and Past King of Dallas Chapter No. 47, R. A. M. He is also a life member and Past Eminent Commander of Dallas Commandery, and a life member of Hella Temple of Dallas.

This distinguished visitor is slowly recovering from an attack of illness, but it will probably be months before he is able to walk to any extent. He loves to chat with Masons on Masonic topics, on which he is extremely well informed. Any brother having a few minutes to spare will be more than welcome if they will call on Bro. Shirley.

My new Fall and Winter samples just received. Call in and look them over before buying your new suit or overcoat. Gus R. Mueller, 8 Gem Building, Tenth and Main.

Bro. Bennett L. Williams has shied his castor into the ring for Secretary of State. The convention that will decide whether he shall have the privilege of representing the Republican party for this office will be held at Wallace on the 22nd of this month. Bro. Williams comes from Moscow and it seems there may be other contenders from that neck of the woods. He is at present acting as chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, so that he is not without knowledge of the duties and responsibilities he is seeking to assume. Bro. Williams is true blue and will make as good a chief as he has a subordinate.

A letter from our old friend A. C. Boot, who still retains his membership in No. 2, indicates that the climate of California, and San Francisco in particular, agrees with him. Bro. Boot has just returned from a few weeks in the National Park. He says that he spent one day in the saddle, going up precipitous trails in the mountains, with the result that he had to eat his meals standing up for the next few days. He is back at work again, feeling like a new man.

Vic Jackson is going to give Jim Agnew an awful run for his money in the primaries for sheriff. Vic has been working quietly but energetically for the past three weeks and says it looks very good to him.

We were pleased to receive a few words of encouragement from Bro. C. S. Hunter, who, in forwarding his check for subscription to THE IDAHO FREEMASON, says: "There is a wonderful opportunity for a publication such as this, which should tend to build the fraternity together. This is especially true for those situated as myself, who, though a Mason for the past fifteen years, find it impossible to attend meetings of the Masonic bodies of which they are members with any degree of regularity. I trust that your success in this undertaking will not be short-lived and that you may continue your good work of driving home the teachings of Masonic principles."

Over the State

SHOSHONE

Bro. S. T. Baer of Shoshone Lodge No. 21 writes *THE IDAHO FREEMASON* enclosing his check and that of J. E. Badley, of the same lodge, as a subscription. Bro. Baer is assistant manager of the Big Wood River Canal Company, with offices at Richfield.

PRIEST RIVER

Kaniksu Lodge, U. D., of Priest River, received its dispensation and held its first meeting December 15, 1921, with twenty-one charter members. The lodge is growing finely and doing good work. Already seven members have been raised to the degree of Master Mason, and there is plenty of material on hand to work on.

The lodge has enjoyed visits from Past G. M. Andrew Christenson and Grand Senior Deacon H. P. Glindeman, as well as from the lodges at Sandpoint and Spirit Lake, and also from the lodge at Newport, Wash. A visit from Grand Master Fletcher A. Jeter is expected in the near future.

A committee is arranging for an all-day picnic for Masons and their families at Priest Lake during the month of August.

One of the enthusiastic Masons of Priest River is Bro. J. G. Parsons, who is editor of *The Priest River Times*, a publication with a high standing among the country newspapers of Idaho. Bro. Parsons came to Priest River in 1921 from Wyoming and found the merest apology for a newspaper and printing plant. He has installed an up-to-date plant, with cylinder press, linotype and equipment, and is now getting out a mighty creditable paper.

MINIDOKA

From Price D. Sears, a prominent Mason of the Minidoka tract, comes a subscription and a few kind words of appreciation. Bro. Sears says: "I have just had the pleasure of looking over a copy of *THE IDAHO FREEMASON* and believe it will fill a needed place for the Idaho Masons."

GRANGEVILLE

Bro. Victor Peterson, Grand Senior Warden, whose home is at Grangeville, says: "Enclosed find my check for subscription to *THE IDAHO FREEMASON*. I wish you success in your venture. The paper, if properly supported, can do much to inform the brethren of what is going on Masonically over the state."

SILVER CITY

Frank Ensign, Junior, all of nine years old, has been spending a happy vacation with Charley Hackney at Silver City. The other day he fell into the creek. It didn't feaze him a particle, and on arriving home his only comment was, "Well, I didn't get my new tie wet, anyhow." On the Fourth the youngster entered some of

the races and got third place in the first race, second place in the second race, and mourned that there was not a third race, because at the stated rate of progress he must take first place at the third effort. The sturdy son of the Master of Idaho No. 1 is having the time of his life in the hills.

Wright Stacy's little son was threatened with pneumonia and was taken to Grandview for medical care. He is now back in Silver City greatly improved.

Sam Mullinix has taken his demit from Silver City Lodge and has been elected to membership in Elmore Lodge at Mountain Home. Sam lives at Grandview and will be able to hop across to Mountain Home and take in the lodge meeting quite frequently now.

R. L. MacDonnell spent a few days in Boise on official business this month, arriving on the 12th. Bro. MacDonnell is the deputy sheriff of Owyhee county.

GRAND MASTER AT ST. ANTHONY

On June 28, Benevolent Lodge No. 38 held a festival communication, conferring two thirds and entertaining M. W. Grand Master Fletcher

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A. Jeter, R. W. Deputy Grand Master George M. Scott, and Ashton Lodge No. 73.

Lodge was opened at four o'clock and one degree conferred, after which the Eastern Star served a most enjoyable banquet.

At eight o'clock work was resumed and was followed by an address by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master Scott, and others. Ninety-six members registered as attending. Music was furnished by Mrs. M. M. Harshbarger and Miss Viola Campbell at the banquet, which was served in the dining room of the Union Church.

REXBURG

Bro. H. E. Young of Rexburg in sending his check to THE IDAHO FREEMASON says: "I am glad to hand you my check for \$1.50 for a year's subscription. I am sure you will go over the top, because it is just what we, who live in the small towns, need."

CALDWELL

Judge D. D. Harger, who is Junior Warden of Idaho Commandery No. 1, took in both sessions of the Commandery on the 17th and 20th. Dave is one of the most capable officers of the Commandery and takes a great interest in the work. He is the only officer living outside of Boise, but nevertheless he attends every meeting.

Caldwell Eastern Stars had a most enjoyable picnic on the 20th at the ranch home of Bro. W. C. Postlethwaite. A basket lunch on the lawn was the feature of the day, and the event was largely attended by the Stars and their friends.

With sorrow we record the death of our old friend, Bro. George W. Froman, which occurred on the 19th at Hot Lake, Oregon. Bro. Froman was stricken with an intestinal trouble on his way home from a visit in Portland with Mrs. Froman. He was taken to Hot Springs, where everything possible was done to no avail, and he passed away as stated. Mr. Froman was one of the best-known public men of Canyon County. He served a number of terms as sheriff and was a candidate for that office again this year. He was a Past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 39 and a member of the other bodies, including the Shrine. He is survived by his wife and three daughters and two sons.

MERIDIAN

Two members of Meridian Lodge are seeking political honors at the primaries as commissioner of the third district in Ada county. They are C. A. Riddle and J. W. Trabert, the former seeking the suffrages of the Republicans and the latter appealing to the Democrats.

Bro. E. J. Dunten, who sells Diamond tires, gas and air—both hot and cold—is doing fine with his Super-Service Station, and expects soon to be in a position to found a few libraries and little things like that, a la Carnegie.

GLENNS FERRY

Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home Masons and Eastern Stars and their families had a royal

time at Hulbert's stock ranch on Bennett mountain on the 16th in an annual picnic at that place.

A couple of beeves barbecued in stone ovens formed the main dish of a glorious picnic dinner and was served to nearly 400 people, all of the royal blue. Fidelity Lodge No. 80 of Glenns Ferry had charge of the arrangements and did themselves proud.

An address by Bro. Will Gibson of Mountain Home, singing by Marion Green, Mesdames Ingersoll and Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Summer, and Henry Geer, together with instrumental music and reading, rounded out a dandy program, and was followed by the big dinner and then athletic sports and a tug-of-war between Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home members.

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- E. Comp. Chas. W. Craney St. Maries
Grand Sentinel

CYRUS CHAPTER No. 2

Silver City, Owyhee County
Stated Convocations, Third Thursday.

BOISE CHAPTER No. 3

Boise, Ada County
Stated Convocations, Third Thursday.

LEWISTON CHAPTER No. 4

Lewiston, Nez Perce County
Stated Convocations, Second Thursday.

POCATELLO CHAPTER No. 6

Pocatello, Bannock County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Mondays.

MOSCOW CHAPTER No. 7

Moscow, Latah County
Stated Convocations, First Tuesday.

PAYETTE CHAPTER No. 8

Payette, Payette County
Stated Convocations, Fourth Tuesday.

WALLACE CHAPTER No. 9

Wallace, Shoshone County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Mondays.

IDAHO FALLS CHAPTER No. 10

Idaho Falls, Bonneville County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Mondays.

WEISER CHAPTER No. 11

Weiser, Washington County
Stated Convocations, First Monday.

COEUR D'ALENE CHAPTER No. 12

Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Tuesdays.

GRANGEVILLE CHAPTER No. 13

Grangeville, Idaho County
Stated Convocations, Second and Fourth Fridays.

SALMON CHAPTER No. 14

Salmon, Lemhi County, Idaho
Stated Convocations, Thursday after full moon.

TWIN FALLS CHAPTER No. 15

Twin Falls, Twin Falls County
Stated Convocations, Third Tuesday.

KING SOLOMON CHAPTER No. 16

Gooding, Gooding County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Mondays.

SANDPOINT CHAPTER No. 17

Sandpoint, Bonner County
Stated Convocations, Second and Fourth Tuesdays.

ST. MARIES CHAPTER No. 18

St. Maries, Benewah County
Stated Convocations, Second and Fourth Tuesdays.

CALDWELL CHAPTER No. 19

Caldwell, Canyon County
Stated Convocations, First Friday.

YREKA CHAPTER No. 20

Kellogg, Shoshone County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Fridays.

BUHL CHAPTER No. 21

Buhl, Twin Falls County
Stated Convocations, Second and Fourth Tuesdays.

RUPERT CHAPTER No. 22

Rupert, Minidoka County
Stated Convocations, Second Tuesday.

BLACKFOOT CHAPTER No. 23

Blackfoot, Bingham County
Stated Convocations, First and Third Fridays.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHAPTER U. D.

Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho

BOISE CHAPTER No. 3

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- Sylvester Gaunt Recorder
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- Edward Way P. S.
- James Aiken Royal Arch Captain
- Ralph W. York Master of Third Veil
- Elof Anderson Master of Second Veil
- Cecil Hull Master of First Veil
- Lloyd J. Day Sentinel

WHAT IDAHO SPENDS ON EDUCATION

Taxes in 1921 for the whole of Idaho totalled \$21,176,290. There was levied for state government \$944,690, for other state purposes \$1,988,900, for all county purposes \$4,417,510, and for minor taxing units \$13,825,910.

A detailed analysis of the foregoing figures shows, among other things, that education received \$9,412,510. All friends of the public school system should exert themselves to see that this large sum is wisely and efficiently expended. The much discussed state departments (the elective officers, commissioners, and their respective establishments) received \$419,880.

Royal and Select Masters

IDAHO COUNCIL NO. 1

BOISE, IDAHO

OFFICERS

George O. Buhn.....	<i>Illustrious Master</i>
Thomas E. Powell.....	<i>Deputy Master</i>
Thos. W. Jackman.....	<i>Principal Conductor of Work</i>
Albert A. Jessup.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
Sylvester Gaunt.....	<i>Recorder</i>
Edward H. Way.....	<i>Captain of the Guard</i>
James L. Sweeting.....	<i>Commander of Council</i>
Frank G. Burroughs.....	<i>Steward</i>
Henry Leimberger.....	<i>Sentinel</i>

BANNOCK COUNCIL NO. 2

POCATELLO, IDAHO

COEUR D'ALENE COUNCIL NO. 3

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL NO. 4

PAYETTE, IDAHO

EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

An initiative petition is being extensively signed in Oklahoma providing for compulsory attendance at some public school. The following is the text of the proposed law:

"Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

That Section 4, Article XIII, of the Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"The Legislature shall provide for compulsory attendance at some public school supported

wholly by public taxation, and in which instruction shall be wholly in the English language, of all children in the State who are of school age, for at least five months in each year until they have completed the eighth grade; provided, that this shall not apply to children suffering from bodily or mental infirmity; and provided further, that such children may attend other schools during those parts of the year when the public schools supported wholly by public taxation and in which instruction is wholly in the English language, are not in session, or after having attended such public schools supported wholly by public taxation and in which instruction is wholly in the English language for at least five months in each school year."

MASONIC PUBLICATIONS DO MUCH FOR OUR ORDER

The following extract from the annual address of M. W. Brother T. F. McPatton, Grand Master of Oregon, speaks for itself:

"The general prosperity which has attended the Craft during the past few years throughout the several State jurisdictions is attributable, in great measure, to the influence wielded by Masonic publications. As a means of disseminating light and information to the Craft they cannot be over-estimated, and I would be derelict in my duty did I not urge upon you, Masters and Wardens here assembled, and through you to the brethren of your respective Lodges, the importance of extending to them your cordial and liberal support."

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IDAHO COMMANDERY No. 1 *Boise, Ada County*

Date of Charter, September 13, 1882

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Stated Conclaves, Third Monday of each month.

LEWISTON COMMANDERY No. 2 *Lewiston, County of Nez Perce*

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Date of Charter, July 8, 1891.

MOSCOW COMMANDERY No. 3 *Moscow, Latah County*

Stated Conclaves, Second Tuesday of each month.
Date of Charter, August 26, 1891.

GATE CITY COMMANDERY No. 4 *Pocatello, Bannock County*

Stated Conclaves, First Thursday of each month.
Date of Charter, August 27, 1895.

COEUR D'ALENE COMMANDERY No. 5 *Kellogg, Shoshone County*

Stated Conclaves, Third Friday of each month.
Date of Charter, August 29, 1904.

IDAHO FALLS COMMANDERY No. 6 *Idaho Falls, Bonneville County*

Stated Conclaves, Second and Fourth Mondays.

WEISER COMMANDERY No. 7 *Weiser, Washington County*

Stated Conclaves, Third Monday in each month.
Date of Charter, September 17, 1907.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 8

Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County

Stated Conclaves, Second and Fourth Tuesdays.
Date of Charter, September 17, 1906.

SALMON COMMANDERY No. 9

Salmon, Lemhi County

Stated Conclaves, Second Thursday on or before full moon of each month.
Date of Charter, June 15, 1911.

TWIN FALLS COMMANDERY No. 10

Twin Falls, Twin Falls County

Stated Conclaves, First Tuesday of each month.
Date of Charter, June 15, 1911.

ST. MARIES COMMANDERY No. 11

St. Maries, Benewah County

Stated Conclaves, First Wednesday of each month.
Date of Charter, May 17, 1918.

GOODING COMMANDERY U. D.

Gooding, Gooding County

Stated Conclaves, Third Friday of each month.

MT. PUTNAM COMMANDERY U. D.

Blackfoot, Bingham County

Stated Conclaves, Second and Fourth Mondays.

U. S. COMMANDERY U. D.

Sandpoint, Idaho

Idaho Commandery No. held its stated meeting on the 17th, and after electing A. I. Trout and A. A. Walker to membership, proceeded to confer on them the Red Cross and Malta. It was pretty hot for work, but the boys smiled through it and after it was all over were guests of A. I. Trout for a round of soft drinks.

The Commandery was pleased to receive as visitors Sirs J. J. Rae of Caldwell and O. M. Elliott of Lewiston.

On Thursday, the 20th, Bros. Trout and Walker completed their Commandery work and became full-fledged Sir Knights. After the work, Sir Asa Liedloff served light refreshments in the kitchen.

Eminent Commander Sir Thos. E. Powell announces that there will be no more meetings until the stated on the third Monday of September.

A good old gentleman with failing eyesight, but unimpaired faith, was in the habit of reading the Bible to his boys every night before retiring. One evening after reading a chapter he said, "Now boys, tomorrow evening I shall read about Noah taking unto himself a wife." The boys thought they would play a joke on him and pasted two leaves of the Bible together. The next evening the old gentleman opened the Bible at the proper place, and read, "And Noah took unto himself a wife"; then he turned over the page and read, "she was forty cubits long and twenty cubits wide, tarred inside and out." The old gentleman closed the book, looked at the boys and said: "I have read this blessed book high unto forty years, and never read that before; but it simply illustrates how wonderfully and fearfully we are made."

Lost Mason



On this page will be seen an excellent picture of Bro. Leo Braun. Bro. Braun was a member of Benevolent Lodge No. 38 of St. Anthony, subsequently transferring to Salt Lake City.

He is about six feet in height, weighs about 165 pounds, is 23 years old, dark complexion and black hair. He was born and raised in Eastern Idaho and two years ago moved to Salt Lake City. He is a member of the American Legion.

Through a misunderstanding in his family he

left home and his aged mother is very much worried over his absence and not hearing from him. His absence, together with other worries, is having a very serious effect upon his mother, and we would beg anyone furnishing a clue to his whereabouts to wire either to THE IDAHO FREEMASON, or to Ross J. Comstock of Rexburg, Idaho.

The need for a militant Masonry is being realized more and more each day by those Masons who are watching the trend of the times. The up-and-doing policy is what the lodges are looking for nowadays.—*Forum.*

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KEEP THESE DATES OPEN .

REGULAR MEETINGS

Friday, September first.

Friday, October sixth.

Friday, November third.

Friday, December first.

Saturday, October seventh, Feast Day. The day of the dedication of the first Temple.

The Fall Reunion dates have been set for November 13, 14, 15, 16, 1922. It's not too soon to get petitions. If you know of a good man in your neighborhood, talk to him about Scottish Rite Masonry. We need him and he needs us.

Salt Lake City is to be honored by a Session of the Supreme Council 33°, A. & A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., commencing August 28th, 1922.

The Secretary of the Boise Bodies has received an invitation to be present at the meeting of the Association Secretaries of the A. & A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, and is planning to attend. This meeting will be held at Salt Lake during the Session of the Supreme Council.

As we go to press, we learn of the arrival of a fine big boy at the home of our Wise Master, Roi M. Pyper. Mrs. Pyper and baby are reported as doing fine.

Bro. Roy McNamara of Buhl is the proud father of a baby girl, born July 17th.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO BE ABOLISHED

Private schools in Oregon will be prohibited if an initiative measure to amend the section of Oregon's laws making education compulsory receives the approval of voters next November. The initiative petition, which is fostered by Scottish Rite Masons, obtained 50,000 signatures in two days.

The amendment provides that every child between the ages of eight and sixteen years must attend a public school under penalty of the parent or guardian being guilty of a misdemeanor. Exceptions are made for children physically unable to attend, those that have completed the eighth grade, those living a mile and a half or three miles from school, according to ages, and those receiving private instruction, provided that such children must report every three months for examination by a school official. The act would take effect September 1, 1926.

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Recorder Coats has just finished his editorial work on *Desert Dust*, the official organ of El Korah, and expects to have it in the mail about the same time as this issue of THE FREEMASON. The editor has made the issue very interesting with an account of the doings at San Francisco, mostly written in the true Coats vein of humor. Watch for it. It's worth while.

El Korah is going to Pocatello in October, when a big class is expected to cross the Delaware on the ice. Get a petition and figure to go along with your candidate and keep his tootsies warm. Those who have attended previous Ceremonials held at the gateway to the Northwest

will possess memories that will urge them to attend, and to those who haven't we will say that Pocatello as a host is "all there", and then some.

The next Cereimonial after that, closing the term of our Noble Pote Kutnewsky, will be held at Boise, probably the first week in December, of which more later.

The Widows and Orphans Fund lost another member in the demise of George W. Froman of Caldwell, as noted on another page. There were sufficient funds on hand to meet the demand, so the assessment was waived.

PAGE THE DEACON

A prominent deacon in an Ohio church was seriously ill. As he was very popular, a bulletin was posted in front of the church to inform his friends of his condition. It read:

"One o'clock: Deacon Jones very ill."

"Two o'clock: Deacon Jones is worse and sinking rapidly."

"Three o'clock: Deacon Jones is dead."

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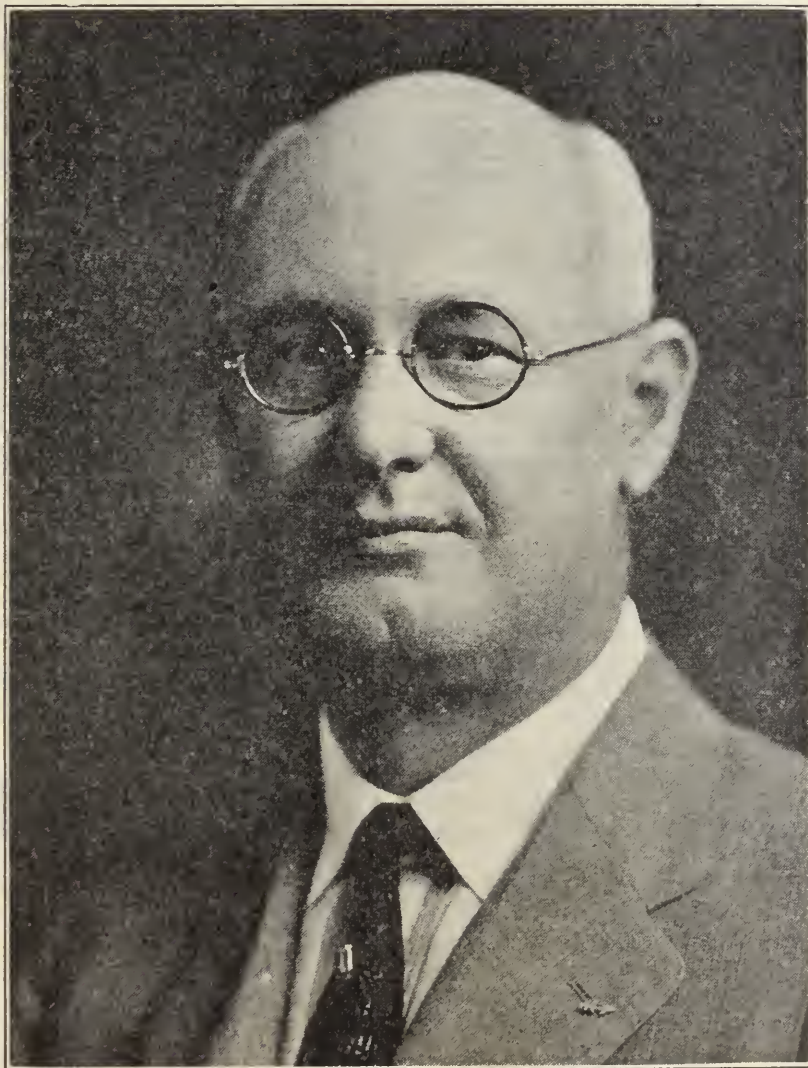
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	<i>Master of Revels</i>

MONARCH RETURNS FROM GRAND SESSION

Monarch Frank C. Leavitt of Samarra Grotto had the time of his young life at Davenport-Rock Island on the occasion of the grand session of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets last month. Frank got back July 5 after an absence of some ten days. He reports a splendid session, with lots of new ideas to report to the local members.

One of the most interesting of several new ideas is the formation of a ladies' auxiliary to the Grotto. The big Grotto at St. Louis has a ladies' auxiliary as a going concern, and a very successful one, too. There are 2083 members in the St. Louis auxiliary, of whom 1243 are ladies and the other 840 are Prophets. In sixteen months the Auxiliary has turned over to the building fund the large sum of sixteen thousand dollars and has at the present time over two thousand dollars in the treasury. Some auxiliary that.

The object of the organization is to promote the social welfare of the St. Louis Grotto. The fee to join is \$3.00 and the dues are \$1.50 a year. A wonderful ritual has been written for this wonderful organization and different stunts are added as the Mistress of Ceremonial sees fit.

Letitia W. Phipps is secretary of the auxiliary and she offers to furnish all information and ritual, with suggested by-laws, if it were thought desirable to start an auxiliary here.

The membership is limited to the wives, the daughters, sisters, mothers, half-sisters or step-daughters of Grotto members in good standing. The principal officer is called Aphrodite Queen, with Demeter as second in command, and Clio whose duties are those of secretary. Melpomena is the alias of the treasurer.

Monarch Leavitt intends to bring the matter before the Grotto with the idea of considering the advisability of starting an auxiliary in Boise.

Alhambra Grotto of St. Louis has a membership of over 5000, and owns its own home, which

was opened in September, 1920. It contains ladies' parlors, smoking rooms, dining rooms, banquet and dance halls, billiard hall and bowling alleys, and beautiful grounds.

ANNUAL SESSION OF GROTTTO

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets, meeting in the Tri-Cities of Moline, Rock Island and Davenport, was brought to a close June 28, the sessions having lasted three days. It is estimated that between ten and twelve thousand visiting Prophets were present during the convention period.

Officers for the coming year were elected on the last day of the sessions, Edward S. Pelouze of Richmond succeeding Charles E. Wardwell as Grand Monarch. Herold M. Narter of Toledo was chosen Deputy Grand Monarch; Harry W. Ordway of Chicago, Grand Chief Justice; Sidney D. Smith was re-elected Secretary, and Charles M. Colton of Rochester was re-elected to the position of Treasurer. Anthony F. Ittner of St. Louis, Missouri, was chosen Grand Master of Ceremonies. Lamar Field, assistant attorney general of Alabama, was elected Grand Venerable Prophet.

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The Question Box

Question.—If the teachings of Catholicism are so dangerous to the Protestant people, why is there not more teaching done in a Masonic lodge to combat it so far as possible, so as to make it known to men, to enable them to be on their guard? Why leave it out of the Blue lodges and let the higher bodies fight it alone? For reference see *The New Age Magazine*.

Answer.—Harmony is the strength and support peculiarly of the Blue lodge. Desirable and necessary in all bodies, yet the stress is laid upon it in the Blue Lodge so strongly that controversial subjects are left largely to other bodies, and rightly so. Many Masons have Catholic affiliations, such as Catholic wives or relatives, or work for Catholic employers or in some other way come closer into touch with the Catholic Church than do the great majority of Masons. We have no right to do the smallest thing in the Blue Lodge that may disturb the sensibilities of any one of our brothers. They are all good Masons, nevertheless.

The avoidance of controversial subjects in open Blue Lodge has become almost a landmark of Masonry, and rightly so.

There are very many Masonic channels for the discussion of this and kindred subjects outside of the Blue Lodge, and there the harmony is not so stressed, because a Mason does not have to belong to these bodies to remain a Mason.

Masons, I believe, should be fully informed on all subjects affecting the welfare of the order, but should choose a time and place where the maximum of information can be secured with a minimum of friction.

Ample facilities for this has been provided outside of the Blue Lodge, and those facilities should be used, especially when the fact is borne in mind that they are open in one way or another to the Master Mason who has not taken the higher degrees, as well as to those who have.

Question.—Bro. S. G. Davis of Filer asks why in some jurisdictions our three tenets are given as "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love", while others give "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth"?

Answer.—This was a "poser" and we referred it to Bro. Haywood, editor of *The Builder*, receiving the following answer:

"Dear Bro. Burroughs: I am not able to answer your question concerning our tenets off-hand, but I rather imagine that the variations which you mention are due to the same causes that have operated in producing all the other ritualistic divergences. The question cannot be answered definitely until I have a chance to compare some old monitors in the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, a thing I shall do at the latter end of this week.

"With all kind regards, I am fraternally yours.

"H. L. HAYWOOD.

We hope to be able to treat the subject in full in our next issue.—Ed.

Order of De Molay for Boys

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Kenneth Thompson	Junior Steward
Myron Givens	Chaplain
John Stockdale	Standard Bearer
Harold Smith	Almoner
Richard Kent	Marshal
Harold Hopkins	Sentinel

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Brethren, I hope that the time will come in this fair land of ours when it will be absolutely necessary that every child between the ages of six and sixteen must spend at least five hours a day in the public schools. I believe that the time is coming when we should take a stand against the narrow bigotry of the parochial school and the snobbishness of the private school. And I want to say that it is a fit subject for consideration in a Masonic lodge, and I want to say further to you that it is time the Masons of every subordinate lodge in this state knew who are running the public schools in their towns. And I want to go still further and say that it is time the Masons of this country were considering and understanding what is being taught in the public schools.—C. H. VICTOR, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of California.

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THE TEA COMMITTEE'S TEA

A very unique feature was successfully used at the last regular tea given by the O. E. S. Tea Committee, June 30. Mrs. W. J. Roup, chairman of the Tea Committee for the present year, arranged to have a small apron with a neat little pocket in it sent to all members, with the following request:

*Here's your new summer apron, spick and span
as can be,
Which we hope you'll return to our next social tea,
And in the small pocket we hope you'll have placed
A penny for each slender inch of your waist.
There'll be no other offering, refreshments are free,
Just fix up the apron and come to our tea.
The slender may make good allowance for seams,
The stout in close fitting may go to extremes.
So come if you can to our O. E. S. tea,
And if not fill the pocket and send it to me.*

About 150 aprons were returned and the receipts totaled about \$45.00.

Mrs. Thomas was the chairman of the day and had prepared a splendid program, as well as delicious refreshments. The program included a song by little Lamoyne Troy, a dance by Lamoyne Howell, and a reading by Elizabeth Buckingham.

Blackberry pie a la mode was served, and everyone pronounced the tea a wonderful success. Ladies of the serving committee were: Mrs. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Kutnewsky, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Aikman, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Roup.

PRIEST RIVER

The Eastern Star of Priest River has applied for a charter for a Chapter at that place. The Masonic lodge is working under dispensation and is progressing rapidly. The principal officers of the new Chapter of Stars will be Mrs. Harriet M. Jones, a past worthy matron, as worthy matron, and A. W. Burleigh, a past patron, as patron.

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76	Dubois.....Fortitude Lodge	66	Potlatch.....Potlatch Lodge
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55	Filer.....Filer Lodge	70	Richfield.....Richfield Lodge
32	Genesee.....Unity Lodge	65	Rupert.....Rupert Lodge
62	Gifford.....Acacia Lodge	38	St. Anthony.....Benevolent Lodge
80	Glenns Ferry.....Fidelity Lodge	63	St. Maries.....St. Maries Lodge
59	Gooding.....Lincoln Lodge	11	Salmon.....Lemhi Lodge
9	Grangeville.....Mt. Idaho Lodge	42	Sandpoint.....Lakeside Lodge
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GREAT EDITOR ON EDUCATION

Lawrence Abbott, editor of the great national magazine, *The Outlook*, in a speech before the recent convention of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, made the following terse and pithy remarks on "Education", presenting the subject from another angle worthy of deep consideration:

"If anything is going to save our civilization it is the American public school. It is the one

unique, original contribution that we have made to democracy. Other nations have had declarations of independence. Other countries have had constitutions like the Magna Charta. Other countries have had parliaments and the free ballot. But no other country, so far as I am able to read history, has initiated the policy of taxing all the citizens so that all the children shall be educated according to minimum standards set by the state. This is our single original contribution to the cause of democracy."

Provisions of the Towner-Sterling Bill

To Eliminate Illiteracy

PURPOSES

The Department of Education shall conduct studies and investigations in the field of education and report thereon. Research shall be undertaken in (a) illiteracy; (b) immigrant education; (c) public school education, and especially rural education; (d) physical education, including health education, recreation and sanitation; (e) preparation and supply of competent teachers for the public schools; (f) higher education; and in such other fields as, in the judgment of the Secretary of Education, may require attention and study.

ADMINISTRATION

There is hereby created an Executive Department in the Government, to be called the Department of Education, with a Secretary of Education to be appointed by the President, who shall receive a salary of \$12,000 per annum, and whose tenure of office shall be the same as that of the heads of other executive departments; and an Assistant Secretary of Education to be appointed by the President, who shall receive a salary to be determined by Congress. There is hereby transferred to the Department of Education the Bureau of Education, and such offices, bureaus, divisions, boards or branches of the Government as Congress may determine should be administered by the Department of Education.

In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the Secretary of Education is authorized to make appointments or recommendations of appointments, of educational attaches to foreign embassies, and of such investigators and representatives as may be needed.

All funds apportioned to the state for the removal of illiteracy, for Americanization of immigrants, for equalizing educational opportunities, for the promotion of physical education and for the preparation of teachers for public school service shall be distributed and administered in accordance with the laws of each state in like manner as the funds provided by state and local authorities for the same purpose; and the state and local educational authorities of said state shall determine the course of study, plans and methods for carrying out the purposes of this Act within said state in accordance with the laws thereof. To carry out the provisions to equalize educational opportunities it is further provided, that the apportionments authorized for this purpose shall be made only to such states as by law provide: (a) A legal school term of at least twenty-four weeks in each year for the benefit of all children of school age in such state; (b) a compulsory school attendance law requiring all children between the ages of seven and fourteen years to attend some school for at least twenty-four weeks each year; (c) that the English language shall be the basic language of instruction in the common school branches in all schools, public and private.

In order to receive apportionment from one or more of the appropriations authorized in this

Act a state shall, by legislative enactment, accept the provisions of this Act and provide for the distribution and administration of such funds as shall be apportioned to said state, and shall designate the state's chief educational authority, whether a state superintendent of public instruction, a commissioner of education, a state board of education, or other legally constituted chief educational authority, to represent said state in the administration of this Act.

This Act shall not be construed to imply Federal control of education within the states, nor to impair the freedom of the states in the conduct and management of their respective school systems.

There is hereby created a National Council of Education to consult and advise with the Secretary of Education on subjects relating to the promotion and development of education in the United States. The Secretary of Education shall be chairman of said council, which shall be constituted as follows: (a) The chief educational authority of each state designated to represent said state in the administration of this Act; (b) not to exceed twenty-five educators representing the different interests in education, to be appointed annually by the Secretary of Education; (c) not to exceed twenty-five persons not educators, interested in the results of education from the standpoint of the public, to be appointed annually by the Secretary of Education. Said council shall meet for conference once each year at the call of the Secretary of Education. The members shall serve without pay, but their actual expenses incurred in attending the conferences called by the Secretary of Education shall be paid by the Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, and annually thereafter, the sum of \$500,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Education for the purpose of paying salaries and conducting studies and investigations, and paying all incidental and traveling expenses and rent where necessary, and for the purpose of enabling the Department of Education to carry out the provisions of this Act.

In order to encourage the states to remove illiteracy, \$7,500,000 is authorized to be appropriated annually for the instruction of illiterates fourteen years of age and over, this sum to be apportioned to the states which qualify under the provisions of this Act in the proportions which their respective illiterate populations of fourteen years of age and over, not including foreign-born illiterates bear to such total illiterate population of the United States; in order to encourage the states in the Americanization of immigrants, \$7,500,000 is authorized to be appropriated annually to teach immigrants fourteen years of age and over to speak and read the English language and to understand and appreciate the Government of the United States and the duties of citizenship, this sum to be apportioned to the states in the proportions

which their respective foreign-born populations bear to the total foreign-born population of the United States; in order to encourage the states to equalize educational opportunities, \$50,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated annually to be used in public elementary and secondary schools for the partial payment of teachers' salaries, for providing better instruction and extending school terms, especially in rural schools in sparsely settled localities, for the extension and adaptation of public libraries for educational purposes, and otherwise providing equally good educational opportunities for children of the several states, this sum to be apportioned to the states one-half in the proportion which the number of children between the ages of six and twenty-one of the respective states bears to the total of such children in the United States, and one-half in the proportion which the number of public school teachers employed in teaching positions in the respective states bears to the total number of public school teachers so employed in the United States, said apportionment to be based upon statistics collected annually by the Department of Education; in order to encourage the states in the promotion of physical education, \$20,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated annually for physical education and instruction in the principles of health and sanitation, this sum to be apportioned to the states in the proportion which their respective populations bear to the total population of the United States; to encourage the states in the preparation of teachers for public school service, \$15,000,000 is authorized to be appro-

priated annually to provide and extend facilities for the improvement of teachers in the service and for the more adequate preparation of prospective teachers, and to provide an increased number of trained and competent teachers by encouraging through the establishment of scholarships and otherwise a greater number of talented young persons to make adequate preparation for public school service, this sum to be apportioned to the states in the proportion which the number of public school teachers employed in teaching positions in the respective states bears to the total number of public school teachers so employed in the United States, the apportionments to be based on statistics collected annually by the Department of Education.

A state may accept the provisions of any one or more of the respective apportionments authorized in this Act; *Provided*, That no money shall be apportioned to any state from any of the funds authorized by this Act unless a sum at least equally as large shall be provided by said state, or by local authorities, or by both, for the same purpose; and, that no money apportioned to a state under any of the provisions of this Act shall be used by any state or local authority, directly or indirectly, for the purchase, rental, erection, preservation, or repair of any building or equipment, or for the purchase or rental of lands, or for the payment of debts or the interest thereon.

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